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1. On the evening of 17 February 1951, three trucks — one belonging to RKA, one to the Masan police, and one to a contractor employed by the Fifth Air Force — containing 13 persons were stopped on the road between Miryang (128-45, 35-30) and Samnangjin (128-50, 35-24) by a group of 13 guerrillas. The latter, who appeared to be about 18 years old on the average, were armed with M-1 carbines, PPSH, and Soviet rifles. In halting the trucks, the guerrillas killed one driver and wounded four other persons.
2. After taking the clothing and valuables of the truck passengers, the guerrilla leader said: "We are sorry about this. What we are doing is collecting money to win the fight for the liberation of Korea. Don't be mad at us. We want you to cooperate with us until the liberation is accomplished; we will fight to the last man against the invasion of United States imperialism. Please don't worry or be troubled — we have to suffer for a while." At this point, one of the passengers threw himself at an armed guerrilla, knocked him down, grabbed his PPSH and escaped.
3. One of the guerrillas inquired whether there were any American or ROK troops near and was told there were some American troops just over a nearby hill. The guerrillas then inquired how the war was going but were told that nobody knew. They gave a young woman among the passengers several hundred handbills and asked her to distribute them. They then withdrew, saying: "Comrades, let's fight together."
4. One of the passenger party thought the guerrillas had gone towards Yangsan (129-03, 35-21), where the 19 People's Partisan Unit is reported to be located. Several hours after the guerrillas' departure, the passengers found a unit of the ROK army and reported the incident. Although 120 soldier searched for the guerrillas until morning, no trace of them was found.

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